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POOR SEED DOES NOT PAY

County Agent L. R. Breithaupt estimates that the failure to use good certified seed potatoes cost the potato growers of Malheur County \$50,000 this year. Think of it.

The farmers of this county threw away that sum of money and they alone do not suffer the effects. There is just that much less money to be circulated among the business men, for had the farmers received this sum, they would have spent most if not all of it here in Malheur county.

But that is not all. By not standing united in the co-operative effort to market the potato crop thousands of dollars will be lost to the ranchers. The speculators already have a big per centage of the crop raised in Idaho, purchased at from 20 cents to \$1.15, while potatoes on

the cars were worth from \$1.15 to \$1.75.

What is the answer to this condition? Better co-operative efforts; more knowledge and better care in collecting seed, more information concerning markets; better business management.

Now many of the ranchers are not to be blamed for the lack of good seed. In some cases they tried to get it and failed. In other cases they bought what they thought was certified seed and it proved inferior. But \$50,000 is too much to pay for loss methods and lack of experience. If the farmers will truly use the agency which they have before them, the marketing organization of the farm bureau they can save themselves such loss.

The loss this year is not the last that may be suffered. There are other such years, and other such conditions to be faced. Surely the lesson of this year should teach the value of co-operation.

WRECKING THE SCHOOLS

Three of the state's daily papers have been busy of late diagnosing the case of the schools, and their relation to the cost of government. All three propose to reduce the amount which the taxpayers must pay, and each has a different plan for the solution.

The three leaders are the Oregonian, the LaGrande Observer and the Gazette-Times, of Corvallis.

The Oregonian would have School Board be diligent in its duties, cut out swimming pools and recreation centers and keep within the limits of the tax roll permitted by the voters. It does not particularly urge the curtailment of educational functions.

The Corvallis Gazette-Times would have domestic science, and similar studies eliminated from primary and secondary schools and leave such training to the colleges and universities. The Observer would go all the way and cut down the activities of both the secondary schools and the colleges and universities limited to the scope of education of 40 years ago.

Of the three, it will at once appear to everyone that the Oregonian advocates the only reasonable course. Swimming pools and recreational centers undoubtedly have their value, when one can afford them, but that time is not now, so far as Oregon taxpayers are concerned. But to abolish them will not injure the educational system.

The Observers remedy, while it may be deemed consistent by those who would turn back the hands of time, and hasten a return to the day when only the sons and daughters of the wealthy could hope for education, will not find much sympathy except from those big taxpayers whose children are already educated and those who have no real conception of the problems of American democracy.

The Gazette-Times' plan, however is neither consistent nor logical. If any curtailment is to be made in the educational program, the public will justify the elimination of what both the Observer and Gazette-Times, term the ginger bread trimmings at the schools of higher learning.

The people are not going to tamper with the foundation of the educational structure. Upon the common and secondary schools depend the future of the state and nation.

Only two per cent of the children of America ever graduate from a college or university, and if saving of expense is the object to be sought, it had better be at the expense of the two per cent and not of the great body of children in the primary and secondary schools.

Many of the two per cent come from the homes of those who, no matter what the state might do, still could secure the educational advantages they desire in the private institutions of the land, or in the Universities of other states. But Oregon is not a parasitical state. It will not ask other states to furnish the means whereby its young men and women may be educated.

None of the journals that are advocating reduction in school expenditures would advocate that Oregon furnish advantages to two per cent of its children and deny the same advantages to the other 98 per cent. In substance that is what the Gazette-Times advocates, while the Observer would have these advantages removed from all the children.

The value of education to the state is so great, that it cannot be jeopardized. Upon it the safety of our system of government rests. Those who advocate its partial destruction have mistaken the murmurings of a few taxpayers for the voice of the mass of the people. The echo of these murmurings will die away, but the cry of the people for educational advantages for their children will not cease.

In going as far as they have in their demand for curtailment of the educational system of Oregon the Observer and the Gazette-Times, perhaps unconsciously, manifest lack of faith in the stability of Oregon's prosperity. It is true that business is not what it was during war times, but present conditions are not permanent. A brighter day is dawning. Let the editors of pessimistic appeals imbibe some of the spirit of those who founded the common school system of this nation from which the institutions of this land have developed.

The Argus would not have one dollar of the taxpayers money wasted, but if there is advantage to the college and university students in the training offered within their walls, then so far as they are able to assimilate those advantages, the Argus would make it possible that they be made available to all the children of the state through the common school system. Thus, and only thus can the benefits of beneficent government be fairly distributed.

The men of Oregon spend as much money on tobacco in its various forms as the state spends on education. When the time comes to eliminate one or the other, let the tobacco go and keep the schools. This might be rough on a lot of us, but it would be worth the price.

Uncle Sam has experts engaged in an effort to systematize his business. Old Man Oregon might well have some one in his employ to perform a similar service. The methods now in vogue for reaching the assessed value of property in this state are needlessly expensive and not efficient.

MALHEUR COUNTY REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS RECORDED

JULY 30 TO AUG. 6

U. S. A. to Charles Ockander, N 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 35-21-46. June 14, 1920.

U. S. A. to Phoebe T. Palmer, S E 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 33-18-36; Lots 3 and 4, and SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 4-19-36. Jun. 15, 1921.

M. H. Bostick et ux to Ontario, Nyssa Irrigation Co., Metes & Bounds in Lot 2, Sec. 18-20-47. Jul. 26, 1921. \$1.00.

U. S. A. to Michael Fuzi, S 1/4 S 1/4 sec. 34-18-41; Lots 2, 3, and 4, and SE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 3-14-41. Nov. 2, 1920.

Ray Allen Millen et ux to H. A. Millen, SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 8-27-40. July 13, 1921. \$10.00.

Collin Cresser to P. W. Willett, Lots 6 and 7, Block 47, Columbine. May 9, 1917. \$100.00.

Eliza Addington et vir to Valley Mercantile Co., Lots 4 and 5, Block 29, Brogan. Aug. 1, 1921. \$1.00.

Thos. Frank Casiday et ux to Henry Casiday, 136 ft. 8 inches by 250 ft. in Lot 1, Sec. 3-18-47. Aug. 4, 1921. \$1.00.

Oregon & Western Colon. Co. to B. W. Mulkey et ux SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 15-18-45. July 15, 1921. \$2,537.30.

John Kircher et ux to Matilda Zuta, W 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 20-18-45. Aug. 5, 1921. \$10.00.

Malheur County to Joe Yraguen, NW 1/4 N 1/4 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 4-37-37. Aug. 3, 1921. \$1.00.

Malheur County to Herbert S. Woods, Lots 6 and 7, Block 172, Ontario. Aug. 3, 1921. \$1.00.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED DURING WEEK
Glenn A. Coffey and Ruth Mathews. Aug. 3, 1921.
Geo. T. Carey and Elizabeth Rae-

burn, Aug. 6, 1921.

COMPLAINTS FILED IN CIRCUIT COURT DURING WEEK

L. J. Hadley vs. H. E. Young, Aug. 1, 1921. Fulfillment of Contract. \$1,100.00.

Myrtle Dunnette vs. Chas. L. Dunnette, Aug. 1, 1921. Divorce and Alimony.

H. H. Bryant et al vs. Luen R. Schroeder, Aug. 2, 1921. Recovery of money. \$573.01.

Wm. Peutz vs. James C. Davis, Director General of Railroads, Aug. 2, 1921. Damages. \$15,350.00.

Herschel Brown vs. Niagra Fire Ins. Co., Aug. 2, 1921. Recovery of money. \$347.82.

Ethel Roethler vs. Pete Roethler, Aug. 2, 1921. Divorce.

C. W. Polk vs. J. S. Stark. Aug. 3, 1921. Recovery of Money. \$215.00.

R. N. Stanfield vs. Oregon Short Line R. R. Co., et al. Aug. 3, 1921. Damages. \$2,000.00.

Weiser National Bank, vs. Malheur Livestock & Land Co., et al. Aug. 4, 1921. Recovery on Note, \$5-500.00.

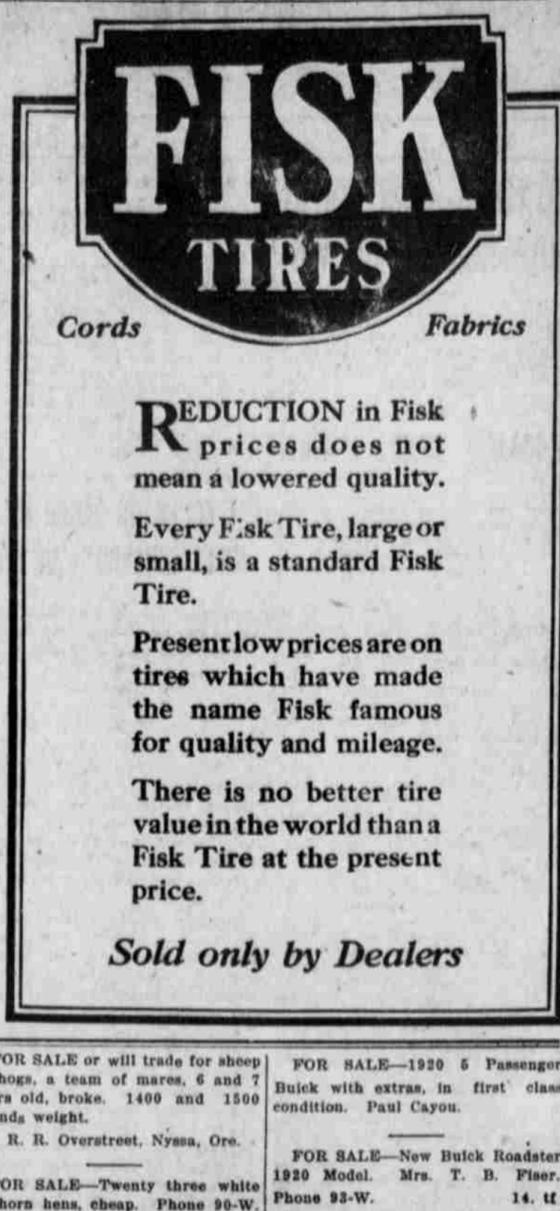
Stewart Barnes vs. Marie A. Barnes. Aug. 5, 1921. Divorce.

The Kenyon Co. vs. James Harvey Aug. 8, 1921. Recovery of money. \$38.00.



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